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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Lt. Governor Peter Kinder names Kathie VanBeber of Nixa as Senior Service Award Winner**

*Award recognizes volunteer work by Missouri Seniors*

**JEFFERSON CITY** – Missouri Lt. Governor Peter Kinder today announced 35 winners of the Lieutenant Governor’s Senior Service Award, including Kathie VanBeber of Nixa.

Lt. Governor Kinder presented the awards (today) May 8 at a luncheon for the winners and their guests outside his office in the Capitol. VanBeber was nominated by Paula Tindell, volunteer coordinator for The Victim Center.

Van Beber has been a volunteer victim advocate with The Victim Center in Springfield since 1992, where she provides support and assistance for victims of violent and sexual crimes and their families through a 24-hour crisis hotline. She also trains fellow volunteer victim advocates. For her work, VanBeber was cited for lifetime achievement level through the President’s Volunteer Service Award

“Many of the individuals who call for help are experiencing their darkest hour,” said Tindell in her nomination. “Kathie’s support and guidance have been blessing to literally hundreds of people over the years. We feel very fortunate to have someone of Kathie’s talents serving our community through The Victim Center.”

Lt. Governor Kinder presented VanBeber with an official declaration and a Senior Service Award lapel pin at a ceremony in the House Lounge at the Capitol on May 8.

“Kathie VanBeber sets an example for all Missourians with her kindness, competence and willingness to serve victims of violence and abuse and their families,” Kinder said. “Her selfless service is an inspiration to all who know her.”

Kinder this year received more than 150 nominations for the Senior Service Award, naming 34 winners representing the state’s 34 Senatorial Districts and one at-large winner. VanBeber won in District 20.